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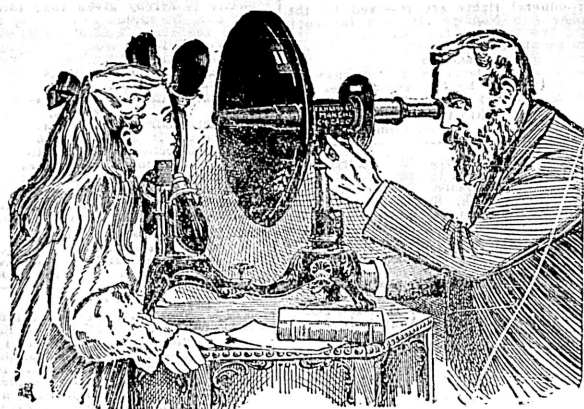
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MILL GONE.

No Insurance of Plant Burned at

Burford.

Burford, Ont., Sept. 4.—Barker's lumber mill has been destroyed by fire; loss \$8,000 and no insurance.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Messages of congratulation over the escape of the President have begun to come to the State department from abroad. One of the first was the following from Emperor William, of Germany: "With all Americans I praise Providence that served your life from the terrible accident."

They Shot The Editor

Fred Marriott Wounded By Two Well Known San Francisco Men.

Because He Published Story About Young Lady in His Paper.

Injured Man Though Hit By Three Bullets Will Not Die.

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Fred Marriott, the publisher of the San Francisco News Letter, was shot three times and seriously wounded at his home last night. His assailants were Thomas H. Williams, jr., president of the California Jockey Club, and Truxton Beale, a former United States minister to Persia and Greece, and a well known club man of this city. Neither will say who did the shooting, but Marriott says that it was Williams.

The following account of the shooting was given by Marriott before he was put under anesthetics at the hospital: "An appointment was made by telephone for a meeting by Truxton Beale. About 9 o'clock Beale and Williams came to the club and I answered the door myself. When reaching to take their hats Beale struck me a heavy blow in the face and made another slash at me with his fist. 'Smash him!' cried Williams. I retreated as the blow on the forehead almost blinded me. I then started upstairs, and Williams began shooting. The first shot shattered Marriott's left leg below the knee and he fell to the steps. As he fell he was hit in the chest two more bullets struck him. One cut through the thigh, a few inches below the hip, passing clear through the leg. The other struck him in the right hand."

Mrs. Marriott, hearing the first shot, came to the head of the stairs in time to see her husband fall. She started down to him, but he was lying on his back and she was unable to reach him. The revolver was turned in her direction, and two more shots were fired, which passed within four inches of her head. Williams said: "We considered it our duty to punish Marriott for publishing an article last week reflecting on the reputation of a young lady."

Beale said that, although the lady's name was not mentioned, her identity was so plainly indicated that he felt bound to resent the publication. After the shooting Williams and Beale went to the Pacific Union Club, where they were placed under arrest. Marriott's wounds, which will not result fatally, Williams and Beale were released on \$10,000 bonds.

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No affair in recent years has caused such a sensation. Both Beale and Williams have been prominent financially and socially for years and they possibly are as well known in other parts of the country as in California. Marriott inherited the News Letter, a weekly publication, from his father, who established the paper many years ago. He was also publisher of the Monthly. While the alleged slandering story published by the News Letter which caused the shooting did not mention the young lady's name, it was generally known who was referred to. The young woman was heart-broken over the publication and appealed to Beale, an old friend of her family, for assistance. Beale asked Williams to help her, and together they went to Marriott's house. The shooting followed.

In speaking of the affair, Beale said: "The attack was made on a particular friend of mine, who lives with me in San Rafael. She is well known in society, and not the least word of scandal has ever attached to her name. The letter appeared in last Saturday's News Letter. It told of her playing tag in a night gown at Mount Tamalpais with a party of friends. We felt perfectly justified in taking the measures we did, and have nothing to regret."

Neither would say who did the shooting, and each seemed perfectly willing to shoulder the blame.

CRONJE'S GOOD WORDS.

Shows He Is Sensible as He Is Brave.

Capetown, Sept. 4.—Gen. Cronje, who has lately returned from exile at St. Helena, said in an interview today, that during the war he had lost from wounds and disease 20 dear relatives. He expressed himself as prepared, however, not only to forgive, but as far as God had given him the power, to forget, and said he believed the British and Dutch would work amicably together for the development of the country.

PROVINCIAL BILL.

Manitoba Takes an Action Against Dominion.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The province has entered an action against the Dominion government for \$110,825 on capital account, and \$138,406 arrears of interest, claiming that the money credited to Manitoba in 1884 and dropped from the account in 1885 should be restored.

Major Billmeyer, drill instructor in the city schools, has been appointed assistant instructor at the Eastern drill camps on the general staff.

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

Meeting of Alliance to Attempt a Settlement.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 4.—The convention of the Peop's Alliance, called for the purpose of putting some plan in operation for the settlement of the anthracite miners strike, opened today with about 75 delegates in attendance, representing 15 different coal regions towns. A committee consisting of one member from each alliance represented, was appointed to confer as to the best method to be adopted by the convention for bringing about, if possible, a termination of the struggle.

TIRESHING IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—According to most reliable reports today the weather conditions throughout the entire West today were generally favorable. It is bright and warm today. Threshing returns so far indicate a big yield, but lack of men is a drawback to the harvest.

DANISH ELECTIONS.

Large Ministerial Gains in Wednesday's Contest.

Copenhagen, Sept. 4.—Complete returns of yesterday's elections for members for the Landsting, upper house, show large ministerial gains, insuring the government a majority in the Landsting and the ratification of the treaty providing for the cession of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The Landsting meets in October.

HELP FOR MARTINIQUE.

Precautions to Be Taken Against Further Loss of Life.

Paris, Sept. 4.—The minister of the colonies in placing \$100,000 at the disposal of the governor of Martinique to relieve the distress in that island, has urged him not to congregate the refugees at Fort de France, but to distribute them in the south, where their necessities can be more easily supplied.

Recognizing the danger of a tidal wave at Fort de France, the colonial minister has instructed the governor to adopt all the measures necessary to enable the inhabitants to immediately evacuate the place in case of necessity, and seek refuge on the heights above the town, where food depots should be established. The minister has also recommended the establishment of observatory points, whence the least signs of fresh outbreaks of Mount Pelée, should be immediately reported to the authorities.

Baldwin And His Excuses

Publishes Statement of His Side of Controversy With the Captain.

London, Sept. 4.—In response to a telegram from the Associated Press, Evelyn Baldwin has telegraphed to the Associated Press an explanation of the cause of his failure to reach the Pole, and the cause of his dispute with Capt. Johannsen, of the America, etc., as follows:

"Tromsø, Norway, Sept. 4.—The public has been deceived by false reports regarding the expedition. Nearly every member has been faithful, and my comrades ought, and must, derive due credit for their work in establishing large depots at Camp Ziegler during March, April and May. Sometimes they had to traverse the same route ten times. Fifty sleighs were destroyed in this work. Open sea near the depot at Teplitz bay prevented us from reaching the Duke of Abruzzi's headquarters, and from establishing depots north of 80 degrees 22 minutes. Then in this connection the death of half our dogs necessitated the postponement of going to the Pole. Nothing favored returning via Greenland."

"I believe the record of being farthest north could have been broken, but it would have exhausted our supplies and destroyed the hope of finally reaching the Pole."

"Sailing Master Johannsen's demands to become the America's captain were untenable and unbecomable. His threat, December 15, to take possession of the ship as captain, and deal with the crew in accordance with his own will, might have spoiled the expedition's plan, if not the life of the ship. As well as the first mate, who had long experience in Polar ice, were entitled to recognition."

"Johannsen's refusal to obey the ice pilot's orders, and his declared unwillingness to take the advice of my representatives on the sleigh expedition, together with other well-founded reasons, stated to the United States consul now here, caused his discharge and the promotion of three of his countrymen, who all followed me in the sleigh expedition and obeyed with pleasure the orders given by my representatives and ice pilot. (Signed) Baldwin."

RALPH SMITH'S SIDE LOSES

Pit Head Vote Against Affiliation With Trades and Labor Congress.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Sept. 4.—The pit-head vote upon the question whether the Miners' union should affiliate with the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress was consummated this evening. In order to afford miners out of work opportunity to vote, a ballot box was transferred to Commercial street, and the vote taken there. The result of the ballot gives 290 for affiliation and 264 against. This precludes the chance of Ralph Smith attending as delegate from this union.

This afternoon before Judge Harrison, a Mexican sailor from a Chilean ship, landing at Victoria, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for attempting to stab Provincial Constable Halded. The crime was committed a few days ago, while Halded tried to separate a group of sailors including the prisoner while they were brawling at Chemainus.

DEBT TOO HEAVY.

Temple Building Taken Over From the Methodists.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—The Standard Life Assurance company will in June take over from the Methodist church the "Temple building" in this city. The company hold a mortgage on St. James' Methodist church and the Temple building, and will take over the latter in order to wipe out a portion of the obligation conducting it on their own lines.

MATHEMATICAL JUBILEE.

Birth of a Famous Norwegian Celebrated at Christiania.

Christiania, Norway, Sept. 4.—The Centenary celebration of the birth of Niels Henrik Abel, the Norwegian mathematician, who was born August 5, 1802, began today. One hundred representatives of leading universities and scientific societies were represented. King Oscar will entertain the delegates at supper in the Palace on Saturday next, September 6, and the municipality will dine them on Sunday. Members of the royal family will participate in the exercises.

Anglicans In Synod

Bishop of Columbia Appointed as One of the Judicial Committee.

Directors of Dominion Steel and Coal Companies Declare Dividend.

Sir John Forrest Believes Colonies Should Give Help to the Navy.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—The General Synod of the Anglican church of the Dominion today considered the formation of a new missionary society, which is to take the place of the Domestic and foreign mission board, now under control of the provincial synods.

The Bishop of Columbia has been appointed by the upper house as one of the judicial committee of the supreme court of appeal.

Tomorrow afternoon the Upper House will receive fraternal greetings from the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 4.—The provincial government has entered into an agreement with Canadian and United States capitalists for the inauguration of a cold storage system throughout the island, the government guaranteeing bonds and granting an exemption from taxation. The company agrees to spend \$50,000 the first year and \$40,000 in wages annually for a period of 30 years.

The directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel company met today and completed final arrangements for taking over the property of the Dominion Coal company, which declared a dividend of 20,000,000. A check for \$1,200,000 being the rental for the past nine months on this basis was handed over to the company. The directors of the steel company declared a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent, on the company preferred stock for the half year.

The directors of the coal company also met and declared a dividend of 1 per cent, for the year. C. M. Whitney, of Boston, until a short time ago president and managing director of both companies, attended the meetings.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending September 4 were: Clearances, \$3,445,426; balances, \$909,176. For the corresponding week in 1901, the clearances were \$2,138,060; balances, \$551,425, and for the same period in 1900, the clearances were \$1,671,230; balances, \$270,763.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Sir John Forrest, Australian minister of defence, speaking at a luncheon of the exhibition directors today, said it was the duty of Canada and Australia to contribute to the cost of the navy to the Mother Country. Sir Edmund Barton, premier of Australia, in a speech at the Board of Trade banquet held last night, referred to the need of an independent Canadian navy service.

The Canadian Master Bakers' Association is holding its first annual convention in this city. Mr. Morton, president of the American National Bakers' Association, is in attendance, and is denouncing the tyranny of labor organizations over employers, due to ignorant and poorly led unionists, and urged the necessity of an organization among master bakers in order to retaliate in this section.

Brookville, Ont., Sept. 4.—George F. Purvis, a pioneer farmer of the township of Yonge, is dead, aged 70 years. Mr. Purvis was one of the first to engage in the manufacture of cheese in this section.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 4.—Sir Edmund Barton, premier of Australia, was here today and visited the Military college and Queen's university. He leaves for Quebec tomorrow.

Belleville, Ont., Sept. 4.—Indications that oil may be struck near Melrose are promising, and people are much excited. Hamilton, Sept. 4.—The Canadian Horticultural Society is holding its annual session in this city.

Salt Ste. Marie, Sept. 4.—The traffic for this season to September 1 through the Soo canal has amounted to 1,000,000 tons, more than last season for the same period. The traffic for this year, it is expected, will total 34,000,000 tons.

FORGETTING OLD SORES.

Italian Warship Pays a Visit to Ville Franche.

Ville Franche, France, Sept. 4.—The Italian cruiser Liguria, the Duke of Abruzzi commanding, has arrived here. This is the first visit of an Italian warship to Ville Franche since Nice was ceded to France in 1860.

THEIR LITTLE WAR.

Dutch Troops Fight With Natives in Sumatra.

Rotterdam, Sept. 4.—The Rotterdam Courant today printed a despatch from Batavia, Java, announcing that the Dutch troops had captured two fortresses of the Gajoes tribe, in the province of Achin, Sumatra, killing 83 of the defenders and capturing the remainder. The Dutch forces were killed and eight wounded.

COAL FOR STATES.

Anthracite Being Shipped From England.

London, Sept. 4.—The newspapers here announce that the British steamships Glenace and Devonshire are loading eight thousand tons of anthracite coal at Swansea for New York, these being the first cargoes of that description. It is further stated that the shipments were ordered in consequence of the coal strike in the United States.

BANK TRUST.

Consolidation of Large Financial Institutions.

New York, Sept. 4.—Plans were made today at a meeting of the directors of the Mexican Trust Company bank for the formation of an international banking institution capitalized at \$10,000,000, and designed especially to operate in Latin American countries. The scheme involves the consolidation of the Mexican Trust Company bank and the Corporation Trust Company. The combination is to be known as the International Banking and Trust of America. The directors of both the merging corporations have signed the consolidation agreement. Any of the stockholders of both companies have signified their approval of the plans informally, and a meeting of the stockholders to give formal approval of the merger will be held within the next three weeks. It is expected that the combination will become effective about October 1.

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A CANADIAN NEWS SERVICE.

Sir Edmund Barton has not been very
long in Canada. But during the time
he has been here he has evidently been
reading the Canadian newspapers. What
he has discovered there in the shape of
so-called British news has filled his mind
at once with the immediate necessity for
a Canadian news service independent of
the peculiar mixture of fact and fiction
which the American palate demands as
European news. Canada is a long-suffer-
ing country. For two years and a
half the only telegraphic news we re-
ceived concerning the progress of a long
and costly war was news colored and
distorted by openly displayed pro-Boer
sympathies. The Associated Press
telegrams are not designedly directed to
the alienation of Canada from the British
Empire, but if they were, they could
hardly accomplish more than they do
towards that end. Sir Edmund Barton
finds himself presented in the newspa-
per press of Canada with a curious an-
omaly. Its news columns, so far as they
contain telegraphic matter from Europe,
are built up out of every scrap of news
which will glorify the United States, par-
ticularly if this can be done with a dash
of hostile ridicule directed towards Great
Britain. One remarkable instance oc-
curred recently. We had long despatches
every day about the Morgan steamship
combine, and the submarine terror
with which it was received in Europe,
and especially in Great Britain. No word
came to us of any counter move being
made, although it was a matter for the
initiation of which Canada might well
take some credit, until it was mentioned
incidentally for the express purpose of
throwing ridicule upon it. The des-
patches were full of long interviews
with people connected with the Morgan-
ized shipping, pointing out how impos-
sible it was for the British Empire to
combat Mr. Morgan's design to monopo-
lize Atlantic shipping, but contained not
one word of what was actually being
done. These are merely specific in-
stances of a universal tone and atti-
tude. So that, as we have said, Sir Ed-
mund Barton has found himself con-
fronted with a, no doubt to him, sur-
prising anomaly in the Canadian news-
papers, namely, a press universally loyal
and patriotic to the core, obliged to pub-
lish news which it is impossible to free
from bias, or to render accurate. As
an outsider, capable of reading the news
understandingly, and able to bring the
touchstone of knowledge to its test, this
peculiarity of the present news service in
Canada would strike Sir Edmund Barton
more forcibly than one of our own
people, whom custom has made callous,
and who are accustomed to extract the
ears of fact from the chaff of prejudice,
by a process of elimination an outsider
could not be expected to master intuitively.
We are glad that Sir Edmund Barton
has drawn attention to this matter,
glad also that its importance was not
overlooked at the Colonial Office, and we
hope that before very long steps will be
taken to remove this grave disability
under which we labor.

The Marshall Field Company of Chi-
cago is reported to be about to open a
department store in Winnipeg.

The wheat crop of the United States
is estimated at 615,000,000 bushels, that
of Canada at 110,000,000. Canada has
only one-fourteenth of the population to
feed which the United States possesses.

The destruction of the Oak Bay Hotel
by fire, which took place yesterday
morning, is a serious loss to Victoria, as
well as to Mr. Virtue, whose pride it
was to maintain the appointments of the
hotel in first-class order. The possibility
which Victoria afforded through its
two main out-of-town hotels for tourists
to live in the proximity of the town,
though not actually in it, undoubtedly
attracted many people during the sum-
mer months; and the complete destruc-
tion of one of them will be a permanent
loss to the city, if it is not replaced, as
we hope it will be.

A steamboat designed and built in
Glasgow has been successfully launched
and sailed on Lake Titicaca, in the
mountains of Peru, 13,000 feet above
sea level. The boiler seems to have felt
the same shortness of breath that affects
inexperienced climbers at that altitude,
and great difficulty has been experienced
in stoking. The coal had to be applied
continually in small quantities, and even
with the forced draught it was found dif-
ficult to get it to burn. The fire was
continually choking, owing to the rarity
of the air, and it is thought that a fire-
box of a different construction will be
necessary. The Marine Review gives a
description of the vessel and its trial
performance. It was built in small sec-
tions and put together at the lake, and
its advent was a source of astonishment
and delight to the natives, the majority
of whom had never seen the sea, nor
any vessel suggestive of a steamboat.
The trial trip was the occasion of a gen-
eral holiday.

A Canadian firm recently placed with the
Montreal and Toronto newspapers an ad-
vertisement of a new nursing bottle it had
patented, and was about to place on the
market. After giving directions for use,
the "ad" ended in this manner: "When
the baby is done drinking it must be un-
screwed and laid in a cool place under a
tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh
milk it should be boiled." — Philadelphia
Times.

INDUSTRIAL INFLATION AND STRIKES.

The number and severity of the labor
disputes at present going on in the United
States appear to mark the culmination
of a period of great industrial infla-
tion. The last severe industrial and
financial crisis in the United States oc-
curred in 1893. That is not so long ago
that many of us have not a very distinct
recollection of the phenomena which ac-
companied it. Credit and confidence
were completely destroyed. Property of
all kinds ceased for the time being to
have any exchangeable value, and there
was widespread suffering amongst all
classes of the community. The violence
of the storm was only equalled by its
short duration. A period of recupera-
tion set in, during which the production
of wealth in the United States increased
enormously, its export trade went up by
leaps and bounds, and a favorable bal-
ance of trade was annually piled up,
which speedily gave the United States
an ample supply of the yellow metal to
meet all currency requirements, even af-
ter silver had been definitely and finally
abandoned. Naturally this was a period
of a progressive rise in prices, and of the
increase of the money value of property
of all kinds. Internal trade prospered,
the standard of living improved, and
a golden era of uninterrupted prosper-
ity appeared to have dawned in the
United States. As soon, however, as
the balance of trade began to consist of
enormous sums of money which could
not be absorbed in the currency system
of the country with advantage, symp-
toms of a disquieting nature began to
appear. A good deal was disposed of in
the creation of credits abroad, the liqui-
dation of debts owed abroad, the expenses
of traveling Americans, and the repur-
chase on the stock exchange of Ameri-
can railway and industrial stocks held
abroad. But in spite of these methods
of alleviation, prices continued to rise
until in one article after another, ex-
port became impossible, and imports
were stimulated. The big industrial
combinations were, and still are, able
to command enormous prices for their
products, but they have all been capital-
ized at such a price as to make the ex-
ceptional profits derivable from these
prices return no more than a very mod-
erate dividend upon their exchange quoti-
tions. And, as all commodities have
gone up in price, those which the manu-
facturer uses as well as those which he
sells, it has become increasingly difficult
to maintain the high profits on which
the capitalization of these enterprises
was based. A new feature has man-
ifested itself, as indeed it was bound to
do sooner or later, namely, a discovery
by the general body of the people, and
particularly by the wage-earners, that
an era of high prices means an increase
in the cost of living. So that if the
money rate of their remuneration re-
mains what it was before, they are not
only receiving no advantage, but actual-
ly being placed at a disadvantage by the
apparent unlimited prosperity in the in-
dustrial world. On the other hand, the
compensatory increase in the wages
fund, which would naturally remedy
this without disturbing the equilibrium
of industry, has all been anticipated by
the necessity of providing a moderate
rate of interest upon the inflated capital-
ization to which most industries have
been subjected. Hence employers find it
impossible to grant demands for in-
creased wages or shorter hours, without eli-
minating profits upon excessive capitaliza-
tion. This appears to be the explana-
tion of the appearance at a time of un-
exampled prosperity, of so many serious
disputes between labor and capital. The
moral to be drawn is, that high prices
may indicate prosperity, but can never
of themselves cause prosperity. What
the result may be in the United States
it is impossible to predict. The limita-
tion of profits would cause a shrinkage
of values, and consequent loss of con-
fidence and danger of panic. On the
other hand, incessant strikes and inter-
ruptions in production seem fairly cer-
tain to bring about the same result by
slightly different means. In either case,
it looks as though industry in the United
States is, at the present time, in a
condition of unstable equilibrium, invit-
ing a crisis of some kind before a very
long time has elapsed.

The Marshall Field Company of Chi-
cago is reported to be about to open a
department store in Winnipeg.

The wheat crop of the United States
is estimated at 615,000,000 bushels, that
of Canada at 110,000,000. Canada has
only one-fourteenth of the population to
feed which the United States possesses.

The destruction of the Oak Bay Hotel
by fire, which took place yesterday
morning, is a serious loss to Victoria, as
well as to Mr. Virtue, whose pride it
was to maintain the appointments of the
hotel in first-class order. The possibility
which Victoria afforded through its
two main out-of-town hotels for tourists
to live in the proximity of the town,
though not actually in it, undoubtedly
attracted many people during the sum-
mer months; and the complete destruc-
tion of one of them will be a permanent
loss to the city, if it is not replaced, as
we hope it will be.

A steamboat designed and built in
Glasgow has been successfully launched
and sailed on Lake Titicaca, in the
mountains of Peru, 13,000 feet above
sea level. The boiler seems to have felt
the same shortness of breath that affects
inexperienced climbers at that altitude,
and great difficulty has been experienced
in stoking. The coal had to be applied
continually in small quantities, and even
with the forced draught it was found dif-
ficult to get it to burn. The fire was
continually choking, owing to the rarity
of the air, and it is thought that a fire-
box of a different construction will be
necessary. The Marine Review gives a
description of the vessel and its trial
performance. It was built in small sec-
tions and put together at the lake, and
its advent was a source of astonishment
and delight to the natives, the majority
of whom had never seen the sea, nor
any vessel suggestive of a steamboat.
The trial trip was the occasion of a gen-
eral holiday.

A Canadian firm recently placed with the
Montreal and Toronto newspapers an ad-
vertisement of a new nursing bottle it had
patented, and was about to place on the
market. After giving directions for use,
the "ad" ended in this manner: "When
the baby is done drinking it must be un-
screwed and laid in a cool place under a
tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh
milk it should be boiled." — Philadelphia
Times.

FRUIT INDUSTRY OF PROVINCE.

R. M. Palmer Tells Winnepeggers
Something About B. C.'s
Resources

The Winnipeg Commercial contains
the following interview with Mr. R. M.
Palmer:

R. M. Palmer, fruit commissioner and
freight rate commissioner of British
Columbia, was busy early this week su-
perintending the arrangements for the
exhibit of British Columbia at the
Western Horticultural exhibition.
The stage of the Auditorium rink was
assigned to British Columbia.

Mr. Palmer says that everything in
the line of fruit is good in British Col-
umbia this season. Of course the acreage
is about five times as much as we had last
year, and we could market fully five
times as much as we have for export.
I cannot say at present whether we
shall ship to Winnipeg this year. It de-
pends entirely on the consumption of the
Northwest Territories. The present out-
look is that that trade will more than
absorb all we have to supply, particularly
in the matter of apples.

We do not think any canner east of
Moose Jaw. We found almost too ready
a sale for them, as buyers would take
anything called a strawberry, and this
is apt to make careless growers. How-
ever, we must have larger quantities to ship
and that buyers will show more dis-
crimination. We have several small val-
leys in British Columbia that seem to re-
produce identically the same quality of
fruit as the Hood River valley, and in
some of these men are already experi-
menting with 'Clarke's seedlings, the
variety of berry so successfully grown in
Hood River. It is difficult to make peo-
ple believe how profitable the raising of
fruit on even small allotments can be
made. Some idea may be gathered from
the fact, personally known to me, that
one man sold \$1,000 from one and one-
quarter acres of ground.

We are following the plan of last year
and sending an expert through the prov-
ince to give instruction in the proper
methods of packing according to the
California standards. One difficulty we
have under this year is shortage of help.
The fruit comes in with a rush, and it
is very difficult to get a sufficient num-
ber of pickers and packers.

Asked as to the outlook for butter in
British Columbia, Mr. Palmer said: "The
great deal of Dominion government N.
W. creamery butter is going on the British
Columbia market, chiefly for the
Northern and mining camp trade, and I
understand from Mr. Markham, dairy com-
missioner at Calgary, that prices had
been very satisfactory. Our own output
of butter has greatly increased this sea-
son, several new creameries having
been erected, and the season has been
longer, the pasture has remained green
and lush right through the summer,
which is unusual. The price cut-
ting among local creameries that was so
disastrous to trade in the spring arose
from a desire to get rid of surplus but-
ter. The creameries to capture the Victoria
market. The three creameries on the Island
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Boys' Bathing Trunks 5c. pair; Caps
reduced to 20c., were 25c. Williams
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SAILOR SPORT.

Catching Big Fish in the Deep Sea.

From Outing:
The bonito is one of the most rascals
as well as the gamest of salt water fish.
He makes a bold and gallant fight for his
life. He delights in playing about the
bows of ship sailing swiftly in the glos-
sious trade winds. He exits in the rear
and the tumble and the foam stirred up by
the ship's stern, and the water is splashed
about him. This is the time when Jack, intent
on a mess of fresh fish for dinner, seeks to
capture him with rule tactics, which ordi-
narily consists of a large hook baited with
white rag and secured to a stout line. Sal-
ling out nimbly to the end of the flying
bobber, he sits aside it, and of the ship
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PROVINCIAL

GAZETTE NOTES

Number of Matters of Which
Notice is Given in the
Current Issue.

William E. McLaughlin, of Revel-
stoke, has been named as the agent
for the Revelstoke mining division,
the appointment being noted in yester-
day's issue of the Provincial Gazette.

Tenders will be received by the Lands
and Works Department up to the 22nd
inst. for the erection of a one-story
frame school house at Creston, Kootenay.

John Lobeck, one of the members and
John Weirmouth, one of the alternates,
elected by the miners of the Morrissey
mine to the Board of Examiners for cer-
tificates of competency, no longer being
employed at the mine, the Minister of
Mines has appointed Thomas Craigie,
examiner, and Thomas Bateman and
Frank Richardson, alternates on behalf
of the miners.

Certificates of incorporation under the
Benevolent Societies' Act have been is-
sued to Gold Range Lodge No. 22, I. O.
O. F. and Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 19,
I. O. O. F. The Canadian Oil & Mines
Limited, has been incorporated under the
Companies' Act, with a capital of
\$2,500,000.

All placer mining claims in Atlin lake,
Bennett lake and the Chilcotin mining
divisions of Cassiar district, have been
laid over from September 15, 1902 until
July 2, 1903.

George B. Martin, of Kaslo, gives
notice of his intention to apply to the
legislature at its next session for an act
empowering a company to operate tram-
ways in West Kootenay, particularly
from a point on Kootenay lake to the
headwaters of Duncan river, and from
the City of Kaslo to the headwaters of
the South Fork of Kaslo creek, and from
a point on Kootenay lake at or near
Crawford creek.

Courts of revision will be held on
November 3 the various districts of the
province to hear and determine any
objection to the retention of names on
the voters' lists.

WISECRABAGE.

Love is a fancy founded on fact.
Contentment is the result of a limited
selection of experiences.
Purification craves love, and love craves
distraction.
Purity is not ignorance; it is taste in the
selection of experiences.
Woman is made for man to come back
to—Carolyn Wells in the August Century.

Biggs—"There goes a man who is ap-
proached with fear and trembling by all
who have dealings with him."
Biggs—"Ah! a criminal judge or some-
thing of that sort. I presume."
Biggs—"No, a dentist."

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M. P., W. B. Northrup, M. P., Belleville,
Ont., H. A. Powell, K. C., Sackville, N. B.,
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of 4, including Herr Storck's supervision.
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Herr Storck, \$6.00 a month (4 lessons), in
class of 4.
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sons, half hour.
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ters of an hour.
VIOLIN—Mr. Herbert Ritchie, \$5.00 a
month (4 lessons), in class of 4; \$10.00 a
month (8 lessons), in class of 4; private les-
sons, \$10.00 a month for 4 lessons, half
hours; \$14.00 a month, 4 lessons, three-
quarters of an hour.
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yet selected. Mrs. W. E. Green, \$5.00 a
month, 8 lessons in class of 4.
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STARVED TO DEATH.

Remains of a Horse Tied to a Tree Found Near Summit.

Hunters who, on Monday, traveled over the ground in the vicinity of the Summit, came across the remains of a horse, which had been tied to a tree and, for some reason, left to starve. On the remains were a new halter and rope, and everything pointed to the fact that the unfortunate animal had starved to death. Around the tree was a well worn track, as if the horse had been walking around in its efforts to get free to the food which was in sight, but which it could not reach. How the animal came to be left there is a mystery. Some are of the opinion that the owner has met with some accident while in the mountains and could not get back to his horse, and perhaps he himself has died. There is also a possibility that the person who left the horse there could not find it again. It is hardly likely that a sane man would leave his horse to starve, and if the intention was to get rid of the animal there was an easier way than by tying it to a tree. The remains are but a short distance from the Summit station on the E. & N. railway.

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Mount Baker

Hotel Burned

Victoria's Famous Seaside Resort Is Completely Destroyed by Fire.

No Fatalities But Many of the Guests Lose Personal Property.

A net work of twisted pipes and grim rows of scorched and blackened brick pillars arising from a mass of smoldering embers confined by the still standing brick walls of the basement, was all that remained at 8 o'clock yesterday morning of the Mount Baker hotel, which but two short hours before stood the complete, elegantly furnished and capably managed hostelry known to all travelers from one end of the continent to the other. The work of the devouring element was rapid and complete. At about 6:30 the fire was discovered, and shortly after 8 there was nothing left of the large building except the basement walls and brick pillars.

At about 6:30 the Chinaman, as was his custom, went up to the barkeeper, J. Esmond's room, to call him, having previously lit the kitchen fire. Mr. Esmond states that before he got out of bed he heard a cracking noise, but paid no attention to it, thinking that it was the wind rattling the curtain against the window. His room was in the attic, and close to a small gable window in the southern end of the building. The room stack from the kitchen projected above the roof at this point. While dressing Esmond noticed that the sound increased, and growing alarmed looked out into the hall way and saw that fire was coming through the southern end of the building. The other barkeeper, J. Fugle, slept further along the hallway, and was aroused about the same time. The latter states that when he arrived at Esmond's door he saw the flames which seemed to be climbing up the outside of the building, under the eaves, blow in at the gable window, and that he rushed for the chemical fire extinguishers, and tried to stop the progress of the flames at the same time giving what alarm they could. Finding that the fire extinguishers made little or no impression on the blaze, they ceased their efforts, and aroused Mr. Virtue, who immediately took in hand the arousing of the still sleeping guests, and at the same time telephoned to town for the fire brigade.

"Five minutes after we got to work after the fire was first discovered," said Fugle, "the whole end of the attic burst out in flames, and the whole floor was afire. Then we turned our attention to awakening the guests and getting their effects out, after which the furnishings on the lower floor were looked after. The fire department have arrived very shortly after the alarm was rung in, as they had done a lot of work in clearing out the lower floors when we first notified them. The fire, I think, arose from a spark from the chimney, and from the hold it seemed to have on the building when first noticed I think it must have been smoldering for a long time. The building could have got such a headway in the short interval between the time the Chinaman lit the kitchen fire and when he called us. And it could not have been as the electric connections were made at the back of the building, and on the first floor."

Mr. Virtue said: "I was aroused about a quarter to seven by the call of fire, and rushed up to the attic where it was located. We did what we could with the fire extinguishers, but there was quite a brisk breeze blowing, and I saw that our fire was getting out of hand. We immediately telephoned for the firemen, and commenced to get the guests and their belongings out. In this position to defend the government for undertaking the work."

Holds the Record.—For the fiscal year ending June 30 last, money sent from Dawson, to the outside world, amounted to \$1,285,000. Last year the figures were \$600,000 short of a million dollars. The Dawson office holds the honor. Post-money by post office order than any other office in the world. Other cities, having several postoffices, send more through the service of the city, but no other office touches Dawson. Revenue from sale of stamps there this year amounted to \$17,000, an increase of \$5,000 for the year.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Annual Convention Brought to a Close—Consecration Meeting.

The annual convention of the King's Daughters was brought to a close last evening with a consecration service, conducted by Mrs. Davis, the traveling secretary, in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

In the morning the nomination of officers and executive committee took place, and Mrs. Davis instructed the members as to business. During the afternoon session Mrs. Davis delivered another of her interesting addresses, and the consecration meeting brought the convention to a close.

Today Mrs. Davis will visit the cities at Metochios and in the afternoon address a meeting in the school house.

A children's meeting will be held at 4:30 on Sunday afternoon in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church.

THE COWICHAN VALLEY.

An Easy Country Through Which to Build a Railway.

Speaking of the proposed exploratory survey of the Cowichan Valley for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of railway construction to Barkley Sound and Alberni, a well known resident of Duncan, who was in town yesterday, told the Colonist that there would be no difficulty in building from Duncan to the upper end of Cowichan lake. There is a natural grade along the lake shore, and only about 250 yards of rock-work would be necessary to pierce a ridge which stands near the west end of the lake. From there to the Sound, he said, the country is more broken, but from all he has learned from prospectors and other cruisers there are no serious difficulties.

BAND CONCERT.

City Band to Perform at Beacon Hill This Evening.

There will be a band concert at Beacon Hill this evening, commencing at 7:30. Bandmaster Rausch of the City Band having prepared the following programme:

March—La Perle de la Victoire. L. Gamme. Overture—Fra Diavolo. Anber. Waltz—Jodelou. D. Perkins. Medley—Blaze Away—Arr. by M. F. Smith. Ten Minutes.

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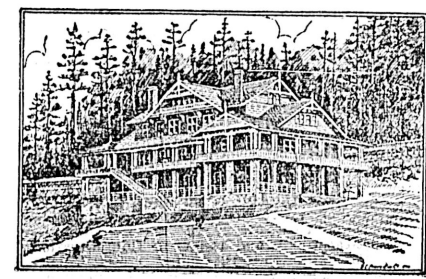
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but little difficulty in getting all out of the building in plenty of time, although in some instances in order to be doubly sure, locked doors were unceremoniously broken open, and the inmates told of the prospective danger. As stated above all except Mrs. Ladd, escaped with comparatively little loss, although Hon. P. Peters is stated to have lost nearly \$2,000 worth of furniture. Among the guests were: Mrs. Casey, wife of Rear-Admiral Casey, of the United States navy, stationed near Seattle; and Miss Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper and their son, of Melbourne, Australia; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict, of Philadelphia; Fred Peters, K. C., of this city; Mrs. McEwan, and Mrs. J. W. Ladd, of Oregon.

Mr. Harper is Speaker of the Federal House in Australia, and had been staying some time at the hotel. As showing how Mr. Virtue had succeeded in working up a reputation for his hotel, it may be stated that before leaving home Mr. Harper was recommended to the Mount Baker by a former guest at the hotel.

Mrs. Ladd, who lost all or her personal effects, including much valuable jewelry, is the wife of the senior partner of the wealthy banking house of Ladd & Tilton, Portland, one of the oldest and strongest banking houses in the Northwest. Mrs. Ladd had spent the summer at the hotel, and had with her many handsome costumes, not one of which was saved. Hon. P. Peters, K. C., had boarded at the Mount Baker for some time, and had a quantity of his own furniture in his apartments.

The burnt building was erected about 12 years ago by a joint stock company, which, however, went into liquidation shortly afterwards, and the property passed into the hands of the mortgagees, the Canada Settlers company of London, Eng., for whom A. W. Jones is agent. The building is said to have cost about \$20,000, on which \$16,000 insurance was carried, \$13,000 in the Phoenix, and \$3,000 in the Caledonian. On the furniture, the Canada Settlers company had \$3,500. It is understood that so far as the owning company is concerned, their loss in the building will not be very great.

Great credit is due Mr. Virtue and his assistants for the prompt and systematic manner in which all the guests were aroused and warned, as once the fire had secured a good hold on the upper floors it was but a short time when the roof fell in with a crash, and carried down the upper floors. But one and all worked hard, and while there is much loss of property to deplore, there is, thanks to this promptness, no fatality to report.

All day long crowds came and went

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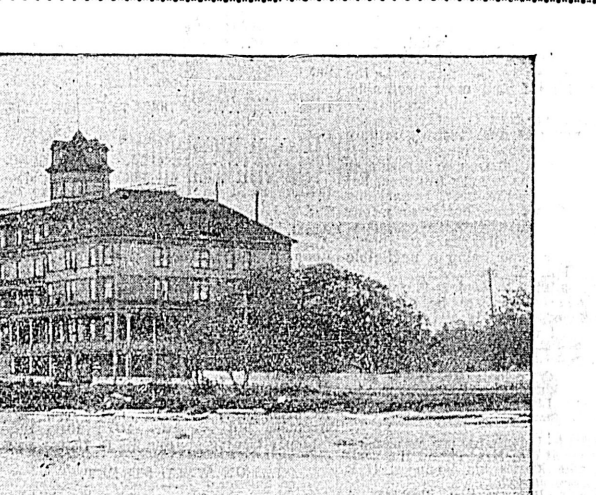
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by the street cars all eager to view the scene of the conflagration, and on all sides were heard words of sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Virtue. That the Mount Baker hotel would be rebuilt, if not at Oak Bay then at some other seaside resort near the city, seemed to be the generally accepted idea among the guests who had seen that Mr. Virtue would again take charge was also the theory of all. But Mr. Virtue, of course, had not given the idea thought even asked about the matter. However, the feeling is strong that a united effort on the part of transportation companies, the street car company and the Board of Trade should be made to rebuild the Mount Baker hotel.

"The Mount Baker hotel," said a leading citizen, "has done more than people know of in the way of bringing tourists to Victoria, for every guest that bid Mr. and Mrs. Virtue goodbye went away a walking advertisement of the city. From Australia have come travelers who have acknowledged that at the antipodes the fame of the Mount Baker had attracted them, and the same could be told of people from New York, London, and the continent. For ten years Mr. Virtue has worked towards this end, and just as his efforts were nearing their best fruition, his work is undone. But the reputation of the Mount Baker hotel remains, and will remain, and it should be seen to that the good thus far done should not be allowed to be lost by the burning of the hotel. A hotel to be called the Mount Baker should be built on one of the many bays hereabouts, and Victoria continue to reap the benefit of work done in the past."

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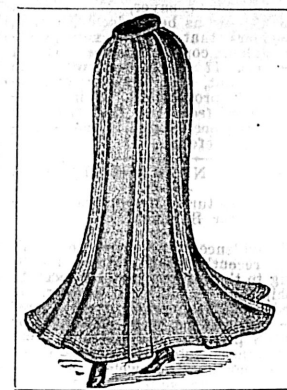
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